

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the genetically-engineered (GE) food has illegally entered the country as ingredients of legally imported food products which are freely available in local markets; and

(b) if so, the step taken by the Government to check this trend?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) set up under the Rule 4 of the Rules for the Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Micro-organisms/Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells 1989, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has not accorded approval for import of any genetically modified food in the country.